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**Subject:** NEI 14-05A, Revision 0, *Guidelines for the Use of Accreditation in Lieu of Commercial Grade Surveys for Procurement of Laboratory Calibration and Test Services*

**Project Number: 689**

Dear Mr. Colaccino:

This letter provides for information NEI 14-05A, Revision 0, *Guidelines for the Use of Accreditation in Lieu of Commercial Grade Surveys for Procurement of Laboratory Calibration and Test Services*, which incorporates the NRC's Final Safety Evaluation Report (SER), dated February 9, 2015. The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), on behalf of the nuclear energy industry, appreciates the NRC review and acceptance of NEI 14-05, Revision 1. In accordance with NRC guidelines, we have incorporated the final SER and responses to NRC RAIs, and have reissued the guidance as NEI 14-05A, Revision 0.

NRC's endorsement expands the the NRC's acceptance of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) accreditation process first documented in a safety evaluation (SER) on an Arizona Public Service request (ML052710224). Our guidance expands on the approach taken by APS to include calibration and test laboratories accredited by international and domestic ILAC Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) signatories. The net result will be a substantial reduction in duplication of effort for qualifying these suppliers across the industry, while ensuring that the applicable requirements for commercial grade dedication continue to be met.

We anticipate that a license amendment request (LAR) based upon NEI 14-05A, Revision 0, will be submitted in the coming months in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(a)(4). We understand that the NRC does not intend to repeat reviews of the acceptable material in NEI 14-05A, but will confirm that conditions described in the guidance have been met. As stated in the NRC safety evaluation, licensees may adopt the

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QA alternative of using the ILAC accreditation process once the NRC approves the QA program change for a licensee and provided the bases are applicable to the licensee's facility pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(a)(3)(ii). We also understand that non-licensees may adopt and apply the guidance in NEI 14-05A, Revision 0, without delay.

We understand the NRC will issue one or more Regulatory Issue Summaries in 2015 to communicate regulatory positions related to procurement of safety-related and commercial grade procurement of laboratory calibration and test services.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or the attachment, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. Nichol', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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